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Mr. Dennis DeVany
Chief, Essential Air Service Division, X-53
Office of Aviation Analysis
400 Seventh St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Devany,

The current Gallup, New Mexico Essential Air Service provider, Mesa Airlines, has indicated an interest in providing Phoenix service for Gallup under the existing certificate until a determination can be made by The Department of Transportation on the existing Request for Proposals. It is our understanding that this determination process may take several months yet.

Mesa Airlines has suggested beginning Phoenix service under the existing subsidy with no cost increase to either the community or the EAS program. This community has proven historically that the demand for Phoenix service exists both in the business community and the discretionary traveler community.

The Mayor and City Council of Gallup enthusiastically support Mesas' immediate beginning of Phoenix service, understanding that no increase in subsidy will be requested and that this action will have no effect on The Department of Transportation's service case presently being reviewed.

Sincerely,

John Pena
Mayor, City of Gallup

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